

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, August 25, 2009
Grimes City Hall 5:30 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Grimes City Council was called to order by Mayor Tom Armstrong on Tuesday, August 25, 2009 at 5:30 P.M. at the Grimes City Hall.

Roll Call: Present: Long, Grove, Patterson Absent: Altringer, Evans

GENERAL AGENDA ITEMS.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Long, Seconded by Patterson; the Agenda shall be approved.

Roll call: Ayes: All Nays: None. Motion passes: 3-0.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes from the August 11, 2009 and August 14, 2009 Council Meeting. B. Combine Resolution 08-0709 and Resolution 08-0809 into one RISE Grant. C. Resolution 08-0709 Authorizing the City of Grimes to Submit an Application to the Iowa Department of Transportation (RISE) Program for the Partial Funding of the Construction of Gateway Drive from 500 North of South 19th Street to 1300 North of South 19th Street and Further Approving the Application Which Obligates the City of Grimes to Matching Funds for the Construction of Said Project. D. Resolution 08-0809 Authorizing The City of Grimes to Submit an Application to the Iowa Department of Transportation (RISE) Program for the Partial Funding of the Construction of South 11th Street and IA 141 Traffic Signalization and Turn Lane Improvements and Further Approving the Application Which Obligates the City Grimes to Matching Funds for the Construction of Said Project E. Right of Way Acquisition for Edgewood Water Main Extension Project F. Right of Way Acquisition for IA 44 G. Intergovernmental Agreement between the Cities of Grimes, Urbandale and Polk County for the Preparation of a Technical Memorandum (Engineering Study) for the NW 50th Avenue and Iowa 141 Intersection Project H. Reimbursement to Bob Cooper for moving his fence on James Street \$2,138. I. Change Order #1 for East 1st St Lighting Improvement decreasing by \$21,900 J. Mutual Aid and Financial Agreement for Emergency Medical Services between the City of Granger and City of Grimes. K. Grimes Resolution No. 08-0909 to Release Public Utility Line Easement L. Approve Public Utility Line Easement M. Claims dated August 25, 2009 in the amount of \$383,630.47.

Moved by Long, Seconded by Patterson; the consent agenda shall be approved with the removal of item L. Approve Public Utility Line Easement.

Roll call: Ayes: All Nays: None. Motion passes: 3-0.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT

Fire Chief Krohse was excused from attendance.

PEOPLESERVICE REPORT

Steve Robinette representing PeopleService Water and Waste Water was present to give an update to the Council. Robinette stated that the large clarifier was taken out of service recently for maintenance and for an annual inspection and is back on line. He also stated

that they have been investigating the discolored water and high ammonia that was noticed for a short period of time and has corrected on its own. Robinette stated that personnel have attended a safety course regarding confined spaces, first aide and working in trenches. He also advised that a slow leak has been fixed on one of the wells on a discharge line. Robinette stated that every three years lime and copper samples are collected from predetermined customers. He wanted to thank the customers who assist them with this process. Recently 1000 tons of lime were removed from the lagoon. It is expected that another 1000 tons will be removed later this year. Robinette stated that since the introduction of chloramines the average levels have been below the maximum levels. Robinette stated that the standpipe would be down for about 60 days for painting. Council Member Grove stated that he wanted to clarify that the ammonia level was only slightly elevated during that time and actually would have been an acceptable level during the winter months. Grove went on to say that this was only a one-day incident and the City was not in violation of their permit. Council Member Grove asked if having the standpipe down would affect any emergency services. Robinette stated that he did not foresee any problems unless it was to be a catastrophic event. Robinette stated that the standpipe would be drained down to 20 feet and that water would be used in town. The last 20 feet would be drained.

Council Member Altringer in attendance via telephone at 5:40 p.m

PUBLIC AGENDA ITEMS AND COUNCIL ACTIONS

A. Public Hearing on the Proposed Plans, Specifications, Form of Contract and Estimate of Cost for the Grimes Trail Projects 2009

Mayor Armstrong opened the Public Hearing at 5:40 p.m. There being no oral or written communication, Mayor Armstrong closed the Public Hearing at 5:40 p.m.

Council Member Evans arrives at 5:50 p.m.

B. Award Contract for the Grimes Trail Projects 2009 to Howrey Construction in amount of \$134,600.70

City Engineer John Gade stated that this Grimes Trail Project consisted of two trails. One trail is called the Cemetery Trail, which runs along South 6th Street south to the west of the cemetery. This project also entails a landscape buffer built along the west side of the cemetery. This will connect up with South 11th Street. In addition, a four-foot wide sidewalk will connect up to the Schawver Trail behind Meadowlark Drive. This 8 foot wide trail will run along S.E 11th Street to connect up to the existing trail which at the completion will have a continuous trail along S. 11th Street. The second trail project is in Kennybrook Estates, which will link the Kennybrook Estates up to SW 7th Street. This is a temporary 10-foot wide limestone trail until there is future development of Kennybrook to the south. Gade stated that six bids were received with the highest bid at \$243,000 and a low by Howrey Construction in the amount of \$134,600.70. Gade stated that Howrey Construction is primarily a trail construction company and have done good work in the past. Gade suggested that the bid be awarded to Howrey Construction. Council Member Patterson asked if there needed to be any stipulations on this in regards to Kennybrook. Gade stated that there are some easement issues along this temporary trail and the contractor is aware of these issues. Gade stated that if these easements could not be obtained at the time of the other trail project and had to come back, there would be an additional mobilization charge on

the project. City Attorney Sinnard advised that this project be approved as is with the hope that the easement would be obtained.

Moved by Patterson, Seconded by Long; the contract for the Grimes Trail Projects 2009 to Howrey Construction shall be awarded in the amount of \$134,600.70.

Roll call: Ayes: All Nays: None. Motion passes: 5-0.

C. PUBLIC FORUM

Louis Butelli of 502 NW Place was present to address parking issues by his residence. City Staff will work with Butelli to address this issue.

Brian Buethe of Grimes Chamber and Economic Development advised the Council that the Grant Application with the State of Iowa requesting funds to help rebuild Main Street had been submitted. A grant application has also been submitted on behalf of Dallas Center Grimes Little League to Prairie Meadows. This application is pending, as the Little League does not have an approved letter of nonprofit status from the IRS. Buethe also advised that on September 3, 2009 at the Grimes Community Center from 6-8 p.m. RDG Consulting would be holding a public forum to have input on the Comprehensive Plan.

COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS.

1. Mayor's Report

Mayor Armstrong advised that the DMAMPO (Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization) has been meeting for the 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan. A final draft of the plan is available on the DMAMPO website.

2. City Attorney's Report

City Attorney Sinnard had nothing new to report.

3. City Engineer's Report

City Engineer John Gade advised that the work has started on the James Street Project and addressed some traffic flow questions.

4. City Staff Report

City Administrator Kelley Brown advised that the City has been working for the last few months with the Polk County Sheriff's Department, auditor and assessor with map updating so that the new City addressing can go into effect. Brown thanked Fox Engineering for all their assistance with this process. Polk County did several tests on the addressing to make sure that everything was in order and have not had any issues. The City is beginning to put up the new street signs. The Grimes Post Office will be sending out letters to residents on the address change. These letters will be the go ahead for residents to start using the new address. The Post Office is allowing a minimum of 12 months up to 18 months to use the new address. This should provide business and residents with ample time to make the change.

Brown stated that the water tower project would begin Aug. 31 or Sept 1. She stated that a lot of construction equipment would be in this area. Additional City crews will be on site before and after school to escort kids walking through this area. This project will last approximately 60 days. Brown stated that the painting would be done by rollers which

will give a higher quality finish and alleviate possible issues that could occur if it were spray-painted.

Brown wanted to offer her condolences to the Lloyd Lull family on the passing of Bonnie Lull. Lloyd worked for the City of Grimes and was the Fire Chief for many years.

Brown also offered condolences to Beverly Claussen family. Beverly was President of the Library Board for many years and also part of the Middle School Committee.

Council Member Long also stated that he worked with Beverly on the Middle School Committee and that she would be missed.

5. Old Business

none

6. New Business

none

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Long, Seconded by Altringer; there being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

ATTEST:

Rochelle Williams, City Clerk

Tom Armstrong, Mayor